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SUBJECT: TTPI - JAPANESE VISA REQUIREMENT FOR MICRONESIAN
CITIZENS

SAIPAN FOR STATUS LNO TRENT

REF: STATUS LNO 50C (CINCPACREP GUAM/TTPI 1821582 FEB)

1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SENATE
JOINT RESOLUTION 38, ADOPTED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
ON FEBRUARY 7.

2. BEGIN TEXT

WHEREAS, CITIZENS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC
ISLANDS MAY BE GRANTED ONLY A SINGLE-ENTRY VISA, WHICH IS
GOOD ON FOR ONLY SIX MONTHS, FOR ENTRY INTO JAPAN; AND

WHEREAS, CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES MAY BE ISSUED
MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISAS, GOOD FOR FOUR YEARS, WITHOUT FEE, FOR
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SUCH PURPOSES; AND

WHEREAS, UNDER THE TERMS OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED NATIONS, THE UNITED STATES, AS ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, IS OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PROTECTION FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY; AND

WHEREAS, SINCE THE PEOPLE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY ARE UNDER SUCH PROTECTION, IT IS THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA THAT SUCH PRIVILEGES AS ARE ACCORDED TO UNITED STATES CITIZENS WITH REGARD TO ENTRY INTO JAPAN OUGHT ALSO TO BE ACCORDED TO CITIZENS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY; AND

WHEREAS, THE PEOPLE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY HAVE STRONG HISTORICAL TIES WITH JAPAN, AND ARE DEVELOPING A GROWING BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH JAPANESE FIRMS, AND ARE FREQUENT TOURISTS TO JAPAN, WITH THE RESULT THAT MORE AND MORE CITIZENS HAVE OCCASION TO VISIT JAPAN EACH YEAR; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE FIFTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1974, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN IS HEREBY RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED TO AMEND THE PRESENT REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING VISAS FOR ENTRY INTO JAPAN BY CITIZENS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, AND TO ALLOW SUCH CITIZENS A FOUR-YEAR MULTIPLE ENTRY, NO-FEE VISA, BEING THE SAME PRIVILEGE ACCORDED TO CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS HEREBY RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN ON BEHALF OF MICRONESIA TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY AMENDMENTS IN JAPANESE IMMIGRATION PROCEDURE; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN; TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE; TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; AND TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER. END TEXT

3. FOR TOKYO: REQUEST YOU PASS COPY ABOVE RESOLUTION TO GOJ FONOFF. IN DOING SO, PLEASE ADVISE FONOFF THAT USG UNCLASSIFIED

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HOPES GOJ CAN GIVE EARLY AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO MICRONESIAN REQUEST, IN PARTICULAR THEIR DESIRE, (WHICH WE SHARE) THAT MICRONESIANS CAN BE EXTENDED SAME TREATMENT (IN TERMS CHARACTER OF JAPANESE VISAS PROVIDED TO MICRONESIANS) AS EXTENDED US CITIZENS VISITING JAPAN.

4. IN DISCUSSING MATTER WITH FONOFF, YOU MAY ALSO POINT OUT THAT MICRONESIANS BELIEVE TREATMENT OF MICRONESIANS

ENTERING JAPAN SHOULD BE RECIPROCAL TO THAT EXTENDED JAPANESE ENTERING TTPI. IN OUR VIEW, THIS POSITION MOST REASONABLE.

5. PLEASE ADVISE HICOMTERPACIS SAIPAN AND STATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON RESULTS YOUR APPROACH TO FONOFF, PREFERABLY WELL BEFORE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA RECESSES ON MARCH 4.

6. FOR STATUS LNO SAIPAN. CONGRESS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT QUALIFICATIONS FOR AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY INTO JAPAN ARE OF COURSE MATTERS FOR DETERMINATION BY GOJ ALONE. MOST WE CAN DO IS REQUEST THAT GOJ GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO WHAT WE BELIEVE IS A REASONABLE REQUEST.

7. PLEASE PASS TO COM TEXT THIS MESSAGE, WHICH IS SPECIFICALLY IN RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION AS RECEIVED BY DEPARTMENT OF STATE FEBRUARY 20. CASEY

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